

Mr. Chairman,

My name is Jacqueline Vece. I live in Killingworth at the Beechwood Manufactured Mobile Home Park and I approve of HB6589 with the following changes: no more than a 3% rent increase per year AND all resident's homes in the park must be included, regardless of the age of the home.

When I retired, I knew I wanted to move back to the area I grew up in.

I was thrilled with the Jensen Park when I moved in. The lots fees (rent) were reasonable, and when I researched the fees I was pleased to see that the monthly increases were minimal (the highest was \$14/month). The rent for the previous 10 years averaged \$5.61. I knew this was feasible and within my budget, and I knew I would be able to keep up with these minimal increases.

Since Sun Corporation has been managing the park, my rent has increased by \$83 per month. That may not seem like a lot, but being on a fixed income, this is an enormous amount of money. If we were receiving more services from Sun Corp., I could understand a minimal increase. We have not received any new services since Sun took over. As a matter of fact, our services have decreased.

I have no problem with a business making a profit. But Sun Corporation is not only making a profit, they are paying their shareholders record amounts of dividends at the expense of seniors. That is despicable.

If the state of CT doesn't intercede and help us keep our rent increases under control, then I will be one of many seniors that will have to start using state resources to survive. Although I will not be pleased to have to apply for any assistance, I will apply for all assistance that is available to me. And I won't be alone.

I hope that when you are retiring that you don't have to fight for an affordable place to live. Retirement is supposed to be the time of your life when you get to follow your dreams and have fun. Instead, I am going to worry about where I will end up if this bill doesn't get passed with the changes listed above.

Thank you for keeping an open mind while you discuss this proposed bill.